



Clifford Irving, right, with an unidentified man, interviewed in New York Friday. Associated Press

'Mrs. Irving' Calls Bank

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 29 (AP)—A woman who identified herself as Mrs. Clifford Irving, wife of the American writer, has telephoned Swiss police to say that she withdrew the \$650,000 intended for Howard Hughes from a Zurich bank account, investigators announced today.

Zurich District Attorney Dr. Petre Veleff said the caller from New York Friday night said she was ready to come to Zurich next week to answer questions concerning the case.

The woman who withdrew the money from a Swiss credit bank account here is wanted on several counts of fraud, according to an international warrant issued six days ago. The warrant was made out after a criminal complaint was filed by Mc-

Graw-Hill Inc., the New York publishers of a disputed Hughes book authored by Irving. They said they had paid the money to Hughes.

The district attorney said the woman told police Irving had made a statement to American investigators saying she had opened the account.

A Swiss police request for confirmation radioed Friday night to the Washington bureau of Interpol, the international police organization, drew only the answer that the Irvings would be questioned in New York on Monday, Veleff said.

Meanwhile, in Majorca Richard Suskind, a researcher employed by Irving, said he and Irving met at a Florida motel last June

with a man he is convinced was Hughes.

Suskind said Hughes "offered me a prune and we talked for a minute or two about one thing and another." Suskind said he reported this in an affidavit to the New York State Supreme Court.

Suskind, in a telephone interview from his home in Majorca, said he had never seen Hughes before the meeting in the motel and had seen "just his photos." He added that he was in the room with the recluse industrialist about two minutes.

Asked if he thought Irving's purported autobiography of Hughes was authentic, Suskind replied: "Absolutely." The researcher said the Florida meeting took place on June 12, 1971.